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SUBJ: TWO DECREES AFFECTING IMPORTS

1. ON AUGUST 3, 1976, THE VENEZUELAN CABINET APPROVED TWO PRESIDENTIAL DECREES, ONE OF WHICH LIMITS THE NUMBER OF TV RECEIVER MODELS TO BE PRODUCED AND SOLD IN VENEZUELA, AND THE OTHER OF WHICH OUTLAWS PINBALL AND RELATED MACHINES IN PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS.
2. THE NUMBER OF TV MODELS HAS BEEN CUT DOWN FROM THE PRESENT 57 TO A TOTAL OF 10. THE MESURE IS INTENDED TO REDUCE ASSEMBLY COSTS AND, CONSEQUENTIALLY, RETAIL PRICES.
3. PINBALL AND OTHER COIN-OPERATED AMUSEMENTS MACHINES MUST BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC PREMISES WHERE THEY ARE IN USE WITHIN 30 DAYS. NON-COMPLAINACE MAY BE PUNISHED BY FINES OF UP TO BS. 10, 000. MACHINES PRESENTLY IN VENEZUELA CAN BE RE-EXPORTED WITHOUT RESTRICTION. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SANCTIONS AGAINST COIN OPERATED AMUSEMENT MACHINES STATED THAT THE GOV'S INTENT WAS TO "PRESERVE THE GOOD CUSTOMS AND HABITS OF THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE, (WHICH ARE) SERIOUSLY THREATENED BY THE COMMERCIAL EXPOLITATION OF THESE INSTRUMENTS OF PREVERSION AND VICE."
4. SPEAKING TO REPORTERS, MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT CASALS STATED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE GOV'S DECISION TO DENY LOCAL PRODUCTION OF COLOR TV RECEIVERS, AS THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT MANY CONSUMERS WOULD UNWISELY RUSH OUT TO PURCHASE COLOR TELEVISION MODELS WITH FUNDS NEEDED FOR MORE IMPORTANT

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